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### **Indiana Department of Labor Announces New Categories for the 2007 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards**

**Indianapolis, IN October 27, 2006** – The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) has added categories to the 2007 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards. Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce the addition of Construction based categories to the Governor's Workplace Safety Awards, which will be presented during the Indiana Safety and Health Conference and Exposition. This conference, sponsored by the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, in Partnership with INSafe, a division of IDOL, will be held in February in Indianapolis.

The awards are presented during Safety and Health Week in conjunction with the Indiana Safety and Health Conference. Traditionally, the awards have been geared toward general business, educational institutions, and municipalities. However, with the upsurge of focus on the construction industry in Indiana, the IDOL looked to expand its recognition of exemplary efforts in the area of Safety and Health. "It is appropriate that we add the construction focused categories to the Governor's Workplace Safety Awards. As we continue to put forth effort in the area of construction outreach, we need to identify and showcase the companies that are successful in their efforts," comments Commissioner Torres.

The construction industry faces unique challenges with safety and health. The efforts of the construction industry will be recognized through the following categories: Residential Contractor, Specialty Contractor, and General Contractor. This new construction category awards the efforts of innovative implementation of health and safety programs in everyday activities and dissemination of education and outreach in the construction industry.

IDOL will continue to present awards of excellence in the traditional categories of Innovations, Partnerships, and Education and Outreach.

Information regarding the GWSA's and the 2007 Indiana Safety and Health Conference can be found at [www.in.gov/insafe/award](http://www.in.gov/insafe/award) and <http://www.INSafetyconf.com>.

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